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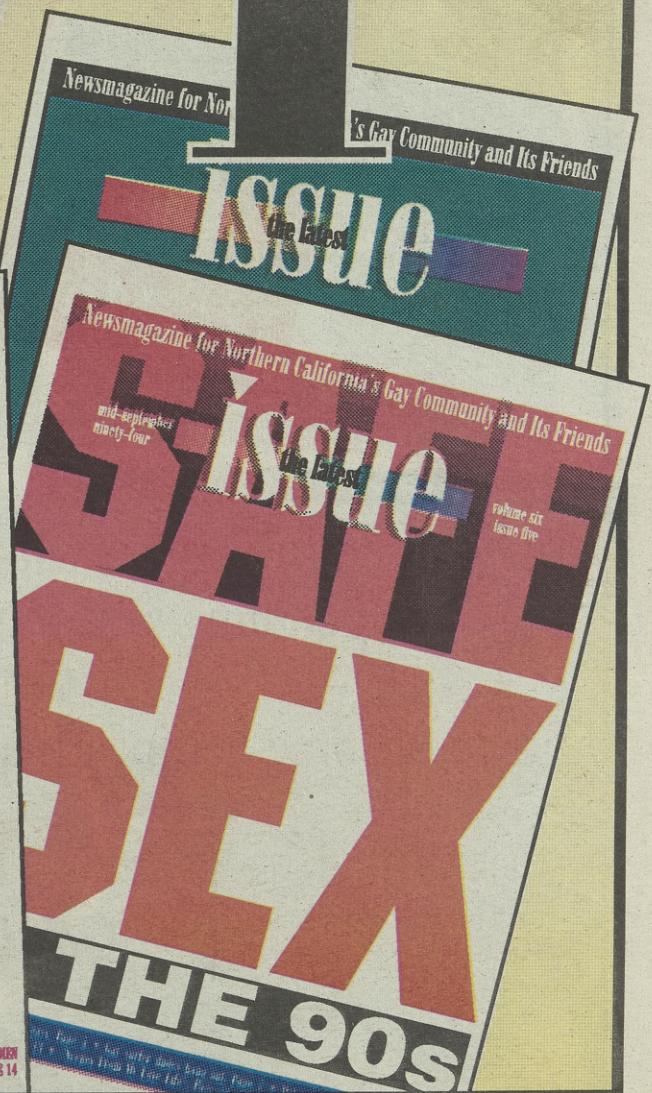
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Happy Holigays

by Michael R. Gorman

Don't you just love this season? It's the time when aliens implant MUSAK receivers into every speaker in the country. I think they got careless this year; I swear I heard Perry Como coming out of my heating vent last night! And speaking of Christmas songs, can you honestly say you have actually ever known someone who has roasted chestnuts on an open fire? It's like the Christmas tradition that never was! (As opposed to Fruitcake, which is the Christmas tradition that never should have been. Our landfills would be much less landfilled if it were not for fruitcake.) I decided that I'm going to roast chestnuts this year just so I can feel a sense of genuineness (is that a word?) when I sing that damn song.

Christmas! Who can deny a feeling of warm nostalgia when reading that traditional holiday refrain, "the courts ruled that the creche violates the constitutional separation of church and state and must be removed from the lawn of city hall." One creative group this year protested the removal of such a nativity scene by showing

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Randy Shilts' book Unbecoming clearly demonstrates that the most credible evidence for allowing lesbians and gays in the military were the lesbians and gays that were in and had served the country, not the lesbians and gays who boycotted the military.

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by Michael R. Gorman

In a short time 1994 will be over, and we will mark the halfway point of the 90s, the decade many of us optimistically called "The Gay 90's" when it began five years ago.

Yet following the Republican sweep of the elections this year a somberness has descended on many in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community.

Wasn't it just last year when the straight world was knee-deep in Lesbian Chic? Didn't we just elect a Democratic president who could actually say the "G" word (though apparently not embrace the people so labelled)? Didn't we just celebrate the two largest gatherings of gay people in history, one a march, one a party-march? What happened? Who rained on our parade?!

It seemed we relaxed for just a moment, and all hell broke loose. What's going on? If this is the reward for all the hard work and risk, what's the use? Dressing the fool for Marti Gras is one thing; being played for a fool is quite another.

Well, despair and complacency are two faces on the same fool, the one who allows the most recent victory or the latest defeat to define his response to the world. So how do we keep our celebration from turning into complacency and our griev-



Roberta Achtenberg has something to smile about in 1994.

A Year to Remember

1994

A Year to Forget

ing into despair? Both responses stop our forward movement.

The answer is history. History. The fool forgets his history. The wisewoman within, on the other hand, tells us to remember history, to place today's events into the larger context. Only then can we accurately assess the meaning of recent events and formulate a reasonable response.

So let's look back over the year. But let's not look with a fuzzy nostalgia from under a comforter on the rocking chair. Or if we do, let's just be sure our rollerblades are strapped on underneath, poised for the next push, the next leg of the race.

In Sacramento, the new year began with the reverberations of the old, especially December 21, 1993, the day that Barry Manilow performed at Arco Arena in the largest fundraiser for AIDS in Sacramento history. It was also the day James Edward Graves, a Sacramento gay man, was murdered and his apartment set afire. Happy New Year!

In January, Tom Hank's hit film about AIDS discrimination "Philadelphia" was still in the theaters, but the real-life case that mimics it had not hit the news yet. Brenda and Wanda Henson began stepping up their national efforts to alert the nation to the intense homophobia being faced by their Camp Sister Spirit in Ovett, Mississippi. The two brave lesbians visited Northern California on fundraising jaunts several times during the year.

Continuing the subject of

brave lesbians, it seemed that most of the entertainers with the courage to be out this year were lesbians. The k.d. lang soundtrack for "Even Cowgirls Get The Blues" beat the movie to release, and beat it to the finish line with most critics. Melissa Etheridge continued to rock our socks off and talk up a storm about being proud and out. She was VHI's female rock star poster child. (So much for the "there goes my career excuse used by so many other performers.) Lilly Tomlin (admittedly sometimes semi-out)



Rick Gerharter

The Hensons took it on the road to raise awareness.

and her lover began promoting a new book, *Edith Ann: My Life So Far As Told To Jane Wagner*. Television's Amanda Bearce was everywhere.

Still the violence continued. At the end of the January another gay man was murdered in Sacramento. A couple of hustlers from Utah were taken into custody for the brutal murder of 70-year-old Leon Kaufman. He was an active volunteer and of-

ten fed and sheltered the homeless street kids.

Politics in Hawaii continued to grab the nation's attention in February as Representative Terrance Tom introduced a bill to define marriage as only legal between a man and a woman who present the biological possibility of producing children. It was an attempt to beat the planned court ruling on the legality of same-sex marriages. Senator Rey Graulty, in the mean time introduced a domestic partnership bill in an attempt to make the Hawaii Supreme Court preliminary ruling in favor of gay marriages moot.

On the international scene, Amnesty International finally began an intensive campaign to fight world-wide persecution of gays and lesbians.

International politics, and the AIDS community in particular, lost one of its most powerful voices with the death on February 22 of Randy Shilts, author of *And The Band Played On*, and *Conduct Unbecoming*. Reverend Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, attempted to picket the funeral with his usual hateful signs like "God Hates Fags." (He attended the Stonewall 25 march later in the year as well). San Francisco activists pelted the religious demonstrators with eggs and fruit and drove them away in about 15 seconds.

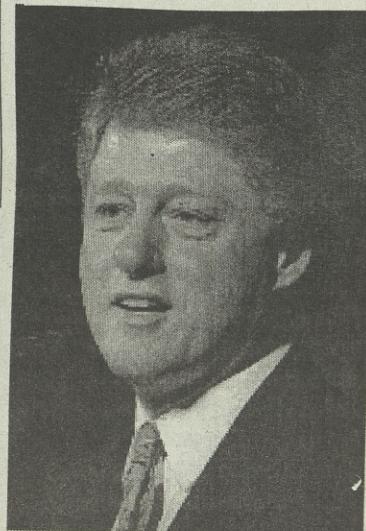
California gay politics began to heat up in March with the introduction of the state Domestic Partnership bill by Richard Katz (D-Los Angeles) to the Assembly Judiciary Com-

mittee.

Needle exchange efforts for Sacramento county got started as well, reflecting the larger push for a state needle exchange statute.

The River City Metropolitan Church of Sacramento suffered a severe loss on March 27 when its building burned down. The good news was that the worship services and offices were already being moved to the chapel on the former Mather Air Force Base. MCC won its bid to buy the church.

After a critically acclaimed and ratings rich airing of the PBS miniseries based on his *Tales of the City*, Armistead Maupin hit the news wires in April when PBS refused to fund the sequel to "Tales" in spite of its being their most successful miniseries ever. Maupin claimed that the public channel's new president, Ervin Duggan, gave in to pressure from the religious right, particularly a campaign by Reverend Donald



Rick Gerharter

President Clinton continued to back down on his promises.

Wildman of the American Family Association.

NBC, in the meantime, rounded out its fare in May with an airing of the "Roommates," a made for television movie about two men, one straight and one gay, who become roommates at a hospice for people with AIDS. The film was well received and engendered little controversy. Perhaps the producers should send Maupin a thank you for creating a diversion.

On May 21, Washington politics gave Sacramento a dose of bitter irony. While Bill Clinton made one of his many election year appearances in California at McClellan Air Force Base, across town at the Army National Guard headquarters His "Don't ask; don't tell" policy was continued on page 20



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Murderer of Gays Arrested

Gary Ray Bowles, 32, the Virginia drifter linked to the serial slayings of at least six gay men, was arrested Nov. 23, in Jacksonville Beach, Florida after police traced him to the Nov. 16 murder of a gay floral designer in the adjacent city of Jacksonville.

Gay activists hailed the arrest as the end of what has become a horrifying, eight-month murder spree in which Bowles strangled, shot, or bludgeoned men he met and befriended in gay bars on the East Coast between Florida and Washington, D.C.

Apple Executive To Lead HRCF

The Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) named Apple Computer executive Elizabeth Birch today to succeed Tim McFeeley as the civil rights group's next Executive Director.

Birch, 38, a former co-chair of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is currently Director of Litigation and Human Resources Counsel for Apple Computer, Inc.

McFeeley, who led the Campaign Fund for more than five years, announced in July that he would leave the organization

after the November elections.

"Though the task at hand is enormous," said Birch. "I am motivated by a bright optimism for the future of lesbians and gay men in this country. Always, in the final analyses, the American people always choose structures that foster equal opportunity and fairness."

Genre Tussles with Barbie

People flipping through the pages of November's *Genre* magazine, a gay publication, are apt to notice the missing people in some of the photographs for a story on first dates.

According to editor Ronald Mark Kraft, the magazine planned to run pictures of two Ken doll shaped figures on a typical first date. But when *Genre* asked Mattel's legal department for permission to publish the Barbie doll images, the corporation's marketing department said no.

Genre's lawyers then asked Mattel to reconsider the marketing department policy. After all, according to Kraft, other magazines such as *Spy* have published photographs of bound and gagged Barbie dolls in compromising positions without legal consequence.

The Mattel legal department, according to Kraft, stopped returning *Genre*'s phone calls.

"Finally, they did the courageous thing," wrote Kraft. "They left a perky little message on our attorney's voice mail: No."

Genre cut the Ken doll images out of their photographs, which now have white space where the images had been. Claiming that Mattel selectively enforced its copyright, *Genre* is calling for a boycott of Mattel products.

Marvelous News

Marvel Comics -- which is currently revamping its X-Men comic book storyline -- has announced that the short-lived gay superhero, "Northstar," might make a come back. The Northstar character was featured in the Alpha Flight comic book series and he officially "came out" in 1992, drawing expected fire from fundamentalist homophobes.

In an interview with *Wizard* magazine, comics writer Scott Lobdell said that Northstar could be introduced as part of the new X-Men series. When specifically asked if Northstar would continue to be a gay character, Lobdell said: "If he appears in the book, yes. I don't think it would be fair to introduce him into the book and not explore every facet of the character."

The X-Men series is currently one of the most popular comic book creations, and the inclusion of a gay character would represent a significant breakthrough.

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"I have power. I have authority. I have access. I can make things happen."

—President Clinton's new AIDS czar, Patricia Fleming.



"My advice would be to try to abstain from sex until you find a partner you want to stay with for a long, long time. . . Sexually active kids should have access to condoms. But as to where they get them, that is a local decision."

—Fleming.



"The circumstances of Friar Cosgraves's death shocked and saddened everyone and made his death even more tragic."

—Dublin, Ireland, Catholic Archbishop Desmond Connell after one of his priests had a heart attack at a gay bathhouse Nov. 12 and was given "last rites" by two other priests who happened to be there too.



"I mean to enjoy myself next year and try to figure out what to do with the rest of my life. I'm going to kick back, take some nice vacations and see what tugs at my heart strings. . . I'll see what's really closest to my heart and make sure whatever I get involved in, that I can make a difference."

—Martina Navratilova, who retired this month.



"Pedro was particularly instrumental in reaching out to his own generation, where AIDS is striking hard. Through his work with MTV, he taught young people that 'the real world' includes AIDS and that each of us has the responsibility to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We will never know how many lives he saved as he struggled to deal with his own illness, but they will be his lasting contribution to all of us."

—Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles on the death from AIDS of MTV star Pedro Zamora.



"I don't really like there to be a line between straight culture and gay culture or gay life and straight life. Our society is in danger of disintegrating, generally, because people are starting to, over the last 20 years, polarize themselves into little interest groups."

—Pet Shop Boy Neil Tennant to Australia's *Melbourne Star Observer*.



"In the past two years, our nation has re-energized its response to HIV and AIDS. At a time of zero budget growth, funding for AIDS programs has been increased by 30 percent. AIDS research funding has risen by 25 percent, and money going to grants under the Ryan White CARE Act has been increased by 82 percent, bringing vital services to thousands of men, women, and children in need. Our research efforts have been reorganized and refocused, and they have already begun to produce results."

—President Clinton's proclamation of Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day.



"R.E.M.'s lead singer — Michael Stipe — seems to be the epitome of empty-mindedness on the subject of sexual orientation. When asked about his sexual orientation, Stipe told an MTV interviewer, 'I just don't think it's anyone's business what I do with my dick, unless they're sitting in my lap.' Asking someone if he is gay is not the same as asking him to provide a biographical history of his penis. And if being gay is neither evil nor vile, then why can't we talk about it?"

—The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.



"I actually got a big response from lesbians when the album first came out. I think a lot of women felt they had found a voice that they could relate to."

—Singer Cheryl Crow ("All I Wanna Do Is Have Some Fun") to *Rolling Stone*.



"I'd have done it all again — but this time with a condom."

—Jim Hutton, lover of the late rock star Freddie Mercury, in a new autobiography. Hutton is HIV-positive.



"I've never had any bad response (at concerts), not any incidents. My audience has been wonderful. I'd say they're about 40 percent gay and the rest straight. I have really large straight audiences. We deal with each other and they're just fine. There are just as many guys going crazy in the front rows as there are girls."

—Rocker Melissa Etheridge to London's *Capital Gay*.



"I've always said that if anyone ever thought I was straight they must need glasses — but when I finally came out and said, 'Yes, I do sleep with men and I'm gay,' yeah, I lost record sales. There's no question — big, big time."

—Boy George to the AIDS magazine *POZ*.



"Employees may purchase one ticket for themselves plus one for a significant other or suitable substitute."

—The San Diego-based high-tech communications company Qualcomm on its holiday-party invitation.



"You stated that 'Republicans, as a party, do nothing for the gay community, and the Log Cabin people are kidding themselves and our community if they believe the Republican Party cares about the lesbian and gay community.' I take strong issue with your statement. . . The Republican Party is a big tent with a wide variety of people from all walks of life. Elected Republican officials such as Sen. James Jeffords, Sen. John Chafee, Mayor Richard Riordan and Congresswoman Connie Morella (to name just a few) share the Log Cabin Republicans position on issues of concern to the gay community."

—Jeanie Austin, Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee, writing to Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley, objecting to remarks he made to a Boston gay newspaper.

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red-rimmed eyes and a goofy "what do I do now?" expression on his face. (He could be saying, "What do you mean Newt Gingrich says he has to go to an orphanage?" Hey, next year we can add a new tradition: Gather round children and I'll tell you the story of the Gingrinch that stole Christmas from single parent's homes.)

Ah Christmas! Let's not overlook the anticipation we feel in making our holiday plans. There are several traditional scenarios:

-- Have Christmas dinner with Aunt Mary who always introduces you as "My homosexual nephew, Mark" but who at least allows you to bring your lover and not call him your roommate.

-- Go together to your parent's house where the

grandkids love and accept you, where Mom will adamantly avoid any talk of "your sex life" and where Dad will sit watching football with a frown on his face.

-- Go together to her parent's house where she will refer to you as "my roommate who has no place to go this Christmas so I brought her along," and where everyone will pretend to believe her.

-- Go to Marty's house where all the stray gays and lesbians whose parents won't see them at holidays hang out for Christmas dinner. Better food, but your lover's ex will be there.

-- Do the holiday divorce; you go to your parents and she goes to her parents. Remarry for New Year's Eve.

-- Piss them all off by having your own private Christmas dinner by candlelight. Good food. Good company. Great dessert.

Then there are the private traditions that each of us has.

My own include:

-- double-checking the custody decree to see if my son is with me the first half of the holiday or the second half this year.

-- sitting on the bleachers at Rose Of Lima Square watching the outdoor ice skating and pretending that I'm Ali McGraw and that the cute guy on skates is Ryan O'Neal showing off for me because he feels bad about what he did, but he doesn't say so because love means never having to say you're sorry.

-- Shopping with my son for our annual new Christmas tree decoration. This year he bought a ceramic decoration of the caterpillar from Alice In Wonderland sitting on a mushroom smoking a bong. He thinks it's wonderfully ironic that people don't know that the author was stoned when he wrote this "kid's book." It's all a part of this year's "adults are clueless" attitude. (Smart kid.) I'm making my decoration this year. I'm putting my gay Ken doll in a

dress and attaching gossamer fairy wings. Maybe he'll replace the tree-top star.

Christmas has changed a lot for me since the closet walls

up. The few biological connections that survived the post-coming out homophobia rush are more real now than ever before. And those current "fam-

I've learned to make and cherish my own traditions and those of the homes that welcome me.

came tumbling down. I suspect I'm not alone. I'm one of the strays without a "home" in the traditional sense, but I've learned to make and cherish my own traditions and those of the homes that will welcome me. I'm fortunate to have a son who loves me and thinks "gay people are way cool." My Christmases are more playful, less rule-bound, and sometimes a little tinged with sadness. But the family with which I surround myself now is more genuine, more loving, and more loyal than anything I experienced growing

ily members" with whom I do not share genetic heritage but whom I love are connected to me in ways that genes cannot duplicate. Life is good.

May your holidays too be happy, genuine, honest, and filled with love for the man, woman or child that you are. Most of all, may you love yourself as you deserve. And if you run out of wood for that romantic fire, rip down that last wall of the closet and burn the studs. As my favorite philosopher Ted said, "Be excellent to one another."

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entire rainbow and not just a few colors. The phrase "events that look like us" is meant to describe everyone in the lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender community.

Furthermore, Mr. Gray, if you would like to form yet one more organization of gay-white-males-only, that is fine. However, in taking pride on your attributes of "white" and "male" you must also take in the historical implications that your status carries.

In conclusion, we would like to know why it is that you targeted this organization and not other organizations whose

memberships are based on one or two attributes such as income, socio-economic status, race, ethnicity and gender. We do not want to begin a letter-writing war with you and do not wish to engage in such inflammatory rhetoric in a faceless media. If you want more clarification about Colorscope, call our contact phone number at (916) 443-6922.

In Pride,
The Colorscope Collective

Thank You Tony Miller

Dear Editor,

Having spent the last six months as a volunteer in the Tony Miller for Secretary of State campaign office, I feel qualified to alert our community to the remarkable candidacy of Tony and his campaign

staff. Never did they resort to the negativity so characteristic of candidates for other offices. Tony was determined, and succeeded, to maintain the integrity he has exhibited throughout his professional career and private life. Even though he was trapped by an anti-incumbent, anti-democrat tide and was defeated by the author of the grossly popular "Three Strikes" law, Tony garnered more votes than any openly gay candidate in the history of state and federal elections losing by less than one percent of total votes cast.

Certainly Tony with his partner, Peter, are to be admired not only by us in the gay community but by all people who pursue what is just in our society. Please join me in wishing Tony and Peter good fortune in their years ahead.

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Gay Man Brutally Murdered in Midtown

by Michael R. Gorman

His eyes were gouged out. His lips were sliced off. His rectum was cut. His genitals were slashed. His skull was pierced with a power drill. The victim was an openly gay man.

The suspect arrested for the brutal murder claimed to have come to Sacramento from Vancouver, British Columbia to marry a woman. His father kicked him out of the house soon after, and he was living homeless.

Though not closed to the possibility, police are not investigating the homicide of Ronnie Neal, 40, as a hate crime. A

police spokesperson indicated suspect Michael G. Pitt's willingness to go home with Neal as a primary reason, although he said he could not discuss more sensitive aspects of the investigation. Sacramento's mainstream press did not report the victim's sexuality or the possibility of hate motivation despite his openness about his lifestyle and neighbor's willingness to discuss it.

"I personally think it was a hate thing," said long-time friend and neighbor Sheryl Grays. "All the things he did to Ron: that is a gay hate crime. If he was coming out here to get married to a woman . . ."

Grays continued, "Ron invited him back to his house. He had to know Ron was gay. Ron was very open. They come home, played cards or whatever, did crank, and when things heated up to the sexual thing, he couldn't handle it. He was going along for the get-high drink ride, and when it came to the point when they were to do something, Michael couldn't handle it."

Grays had called 911 on Sunday, Dec. 4 when Neal did not

answer the door of his apartment in the 2700 block of C Street. "We talked on the phone 14 times a day. I knew something was wrong." Early that morning police had already arrested the suspect Pitt when he was reported on the porch of a D Street apartment, naked and eating dog food.

Neighbor Kevin Ray remembered Ronnie Neal's frequently sighted kindness and generosity. "He was a nice guy. He always helped people out. He had that sassiness that a lot of Black queens have. He never tried to bullshit you; he laid it on the line."

Sacramento Police spokesperson Michael Heenan said of Pitt's motivation, "Because he was a willing participant in ev-

erything that went on, we don't tend to think it was a bias based crime. Whatever set Pitt off is still murky. A lot of the problem with perception comes in our not being able to use the same definitions as the lay observer. If we can't demonstrate hate, we can't define it as a hate crime. Bringing a stranger home in midtown is just not a safe thing to do. Mr. Neal brought someone he didn't know home. Unfortunately that person was willing to kill him."

A memorial service was held the Saturday after the murder at Sacramento Mortuary on Stockton Boulevard, though none of Neal's many gay or lesbian friends were invited, according to Grays.



Steven Luce

Asian Pacific Sisterhood Reaching Out to Women

by PJ Dunker

Take a moment and imagine being Asian and lesbian. Both carry distinct and oppressive stereotypes that often presents an image so constricted that it is impossible for some to picture, even an Asian lesbian.

For many, grappling with internal and external pressures can be overwhelming without some kind of support. Recognizing this need, the Asian Pacific Sisterhood was founded a year ago by two women determined to create and project an

image that other lesbian and bi-sexual Asian women could identify with and grow from.

Understanding any culture not one's own is only part of the challenge faced by Asian immigrants in the United States. As

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New AIDS Hospice to Open

by Stan Carlsen

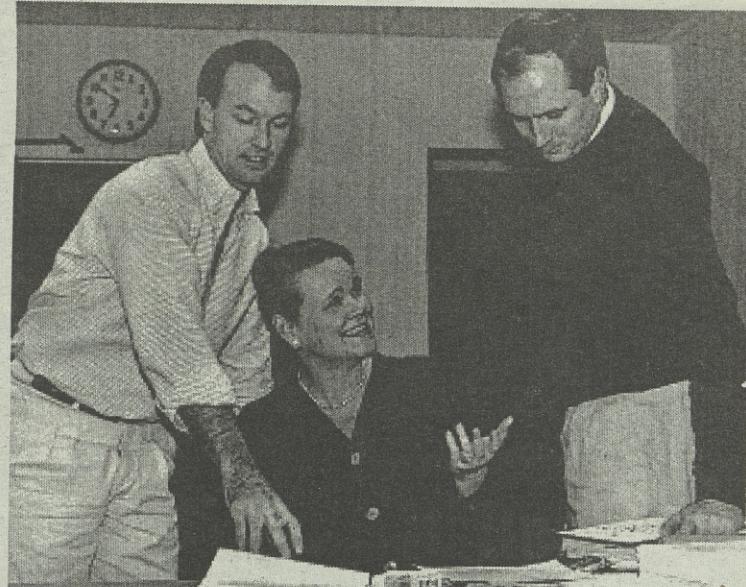
Sacramento's AIDS Housing Alliance has announced that a six bed hospice will be opening by the end of December in Carmichael.

The only such licensed facility in the Sacramento area, the hospice which will be named 'Avalon', will provide a home to indigent people with end-stage AIDS who would otherwise be housed in skilled nursing facilities, acute-care hospitals or be left homeless.

Because of the acute need for additional hospice space since the scaling-back of Hope House, the volunteers making up the AIDS Housing Alliance have worked tirelessly and in the face of several delays to get the 'Avalon' project to this point.

Spokesperson Roger Winchell was hopeful in looking forward to the opening.

"This will be a very comfortable home for six patients, each with their own room in a quiet



Steven Luce

Avalon's board members Burt Douglass (treasurer), Melissa Culloty (secretary) and Brian Putler (president) talk over the many issues surrounding the opening of the new hospice.

Carmichael neighborhood," said Winchell. He also announced that the AIDS Housing Alliance was kicking off its annual Holiday Raffle. For a ten dollar fee, a participant can buy enough tickets to reach from the end of one outstretched arm to the other (30 to 40 tickets). The prizes have been donated by over 30 Sacramento merchants and range from a 19-inch color TV to valuable gift certificates and personal trainer services.

Underwritten by Ryan White funding, 'Avalon' will admit patients with AIDS who are still

ambulatory, but in the last six months of life.

The project has been coordinated by the housing alliance, with the support of the UC Davis Medical Center Hospice, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services, known as CARES.

Depending on the success of 'Avalon', another hospice may be added to the stock of housing for AIDS patients. More information about the hospice is available from the Housing Alliance at (916) 979-0925.

Sacramento Newsbits

Gorman Sues Former Employer

Because of anti-gay harassment and death threats, he had a bodyguard to get him safely between his classes. His students staged a walkout to protest his firing. For fear of their own safety, his gay and lesbian friends pulled away from him. Someone scratched "faggot" over the picture of him and his son on his desk. He had to skip the last day of school because of information that someone was bringing a gun...

After three years of living with what he calls "a nightmare," Michael Gorman's wrongful termination lawsuit against Yucaipa Joint Unified School District is finally moving to court.

Yucaipa is a small, conservative Southern California town where Gorman taught for a year before his fundamentalist Christian principal made it clear that homosexual teachers were not acceptable. Notice of non-rehire soon followed.

In a legal deposition on Monday, December 5, Thomas J. Mullen, lawyer for the district, tried to get Gorman to name the names of the other gay and lesbian teachers in the district. Under oath in a sworn deposi-

tion, Gorman refused. "They're closeted out of fear. I won't let my attempt to stand up to the bigots put them in danger. I'll go to jail for contempt first," Gorman explained.

With limited financial resources, Gorman is afraid court fees might jeopardize his chance to confront the district. Friends have set up a fund to help pay costs. If the suit is successful, Gorman has said he will pay out of his settlement the amount of the donations to establish a fund for gays and lesbians in similar job discrimination suits.

Donations can be sent to The Michael Gorman Legal Fund, P.O. Box 162502, Sacramento, Ca 95816.

CAPPAC Regroups Miller Joins

California Capitol Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) reeled last month under the revelation that its treasurer, James Smith, had embezzled \$10,000 from the group. Smith confessed the theft to co-chair David Felderstein when Felderstein handed him a list of campaign contributions for which there was no money in the treasury. After a series of emergency meetings, the group's board decided not to press criminal charges. Ar-

rangements for repayment have been made with Smith, and the finances of the group have been turned over to the law firm of Olsen, Hagel, Fong, Leidigh, Waters, and Fishburn. "It's a move we should have made a long time ago. The firm specializes in political reporting. This is the way most large PACS are run," said Felderstein.

CAPPAC also announced that former Secretary of State Tony Miller will join the CAPPAC board. Felderstein told the *latest ISSUE*, "A person of Tony's stature will help us accomplish our mission more effectively. We greatly appreciate his willingness to join us at this time."

Gay Health Care Network

Neo Natal Night will be the kick off celebration for "qHS prn" a new social and networking organization for Gay and Lesbian Health Care Professionals of Central California. The

event will be held Jan. 21, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Capitol Plaza Hall's Silver Room, 1025 Ninth Street, in Sacramento. It is open to all gay and lesbian health care professionals and student health care professionals in central California.

"qHS prn" is the brain child of Sacramento pathologist, Dan Schwartz, MD. Its mission is to provide social and networking opportunities for gay and lesbian people in health care professions in the greater central California area. Membership is open to gay and lesbian health care professionals, student health care professionals, and their partners. Benefits of membership include: a newsletter of information and events; invitations and discount admissions to special events; networking opportunities; and, scholarship opportunities for Student members.

The event will be a social that includes entertainment, dancing, desserts, coffee and a no host bar. Founding members

and the association management team will also be on hand to answer questions about qHS prn and membership.

For more information about Neo Natal Night or "qHS prn" call (916) 454-9136.



JoAnn Loulan Returns

SACWN will present, "An Evening with JoAnn Loulan" on Friday, January 13, from 6:30 *continued on page 12*

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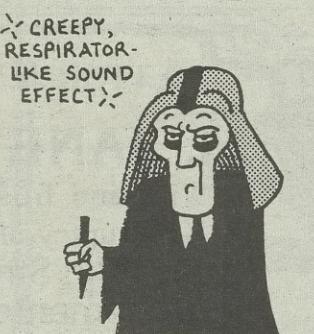
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Plans Underway for Statewide AIDS Walk, Bike Ride

by Stan Carlsen

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The opportunity for mass action in this battle will present itself this Spring and Summer as the California AIDS Walk 1995 and the California AIDS Ride 2 will attract attention.

Under the banner, "Taking Steps to Fight AIDS," the walk will start June 1 in Laguna Beach and proceed up the coast, through Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, the Bay Area and Santa Rosa, and will end up at the State Capitol in Sacramento on Aug. 31.

California AIDS Ride 2 presented by Tanqueray is slated

for May 14-20. It is a 525-mile, seven-day event beginning in San Francisco and ending in Los Angeles. Now in its second year, the ride is expected to double in size with more than 1,200 riders coming together in hopes of raising more than \$2 million, to support the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic and other services of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

In contrast to the ride, AIDS Walk 1995 is not a fundraiser.

It also has a much broader goal entailing far more preparation than the bicycle event, with several organizing meetings having already been held in various parts of the state.

The walk will be no small undertaking and has no pre-set corporate sponsorship as does the bike ride. The event coordinators will be seeking support at all levels of the endeavor; transporting, feeding, sheltering and providing day-to-day support for 50 to 100 people for three months; the compilation and dissemination

of AIDS education and safer-sex materials and resources, and a wide range of treatment information, including alternative therapies to be used for the duration of the walk; and the organizing of rallies, picnics, and other events in all the communities visited.

Individuals and groups wishing to participate in any way, can contact the California AIDS Walk at (916) 535-5067, or by writing P.O. Box 188135, Sacramento, 95818-8135.

For information on the AIDS Ride 2, call (213) 874-7474.

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p.m. at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Loulan's presentations are funny, poignant and inspirational psycho-comedy about lesbian lives and loves. The Advocate says, "If you've only

read Loulan, you're in for a treat. She's hilarious, bringing her books warmth and kindness alive in her speeches but adding a raucous sense of humor that makes her lectures funnier than comedy acts."

JoAnn Loulan is a best selling author, sex educator and psy-

chotherapist specializing in the sexual and emotional concerns of lesbians. JoAnn's provocative humor and warmth, combined with her incisive observations on lesbian culture, make her one of the nation's most in-demand "out" lesbian speakers.

JoAnn Loulan is the best selling author of four books. The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme and Other Rhythms offers a witty and profound look at lesbian eroticism and androgynous images. Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other was nominated by the American Library Association as one of the Top Five Gay Books of 1987. Lesbian Sex, written in 1984 is the definitive resource for lesbians and counseling professionals on lesbian

sexuality. She has appeared on Oprah, Geraldo and Phil Donahue.

JoAnn is currently at work on her book, Gender Jail which explores her expanding concept of genders, sexuality and identity. She received the 1994 Southern California Women for Understanding's "Lesbian Rights Award" and the 1988 National Gay and Lesbian Health Foundation's "Community Service Award for Ongoing Commitment to Lesbian and Gay Health."

Tickets for the event are priced at \$12 for SACWN members and \$17 for non-members, and \$17 at the door and may be purchased by calling (916) 451-8034. This event is open to women over 21 years of age.

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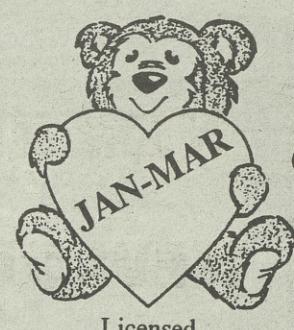
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"The human/animal bond is very important and provides so much love."

other support systems often disappear.

President of the Russian River chapter of Pets are Loving Support, Rob Clark, became involved in the organization for personal reasons. "I care for animals and I have seen how pets improved the lives of close friends with AIDS. The human/animal bond is very important and provides so much love."

Currently the local organization has nearly 45 clients and the pets vary from dogs and cats to birds and a potbelly pig.

Volunteers help clients, many of whom are on a fixed monthly incomes, to care for their animal friends. Pets are Loving Support provides a variety of services so that the clients can continue to enjoy the companionship of their pets.

Primarily, the volunteers provide food and in-home care for the animals. Sometimes, for health reasons, the clients are unable to give their pets the basic everyday needs such as food, water, exercise or a clean litter box.

The organization also provides animal boarding when a client is hospitalized, funds for emergency veterinary services, as well as transportation to and from the vet, and in some cases animal placement.

Some of the supporting professional organizations include the Sonoma County Humane Society and the Occidental Vet-

really make all the difference in the world."

Vaccination clinics are held at scheduled intervals throughout the year, and volunteer vets coordinate spay and neutering clinics.

Pets are Loving Support volunteers also participate in a variety of fund-raising events county-wide. They provide literature and sell merchandise at many fairs and festivals held throughout the year. Volunteers also collect food and supplies for their organization's Food Bank.

As a concerned organization serving the community, Pets are Loving Support provides training for volunteers in client services. Orientation for new volunteers are held often. In addition, periodic workshops by local veterinarians and physicians focus on the special problems of serving people with AIDS.

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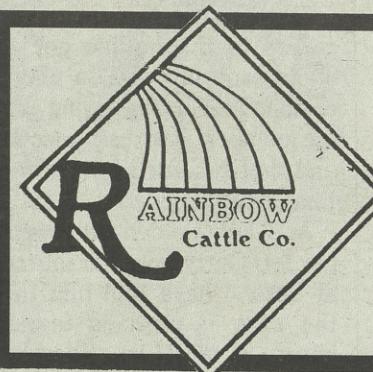
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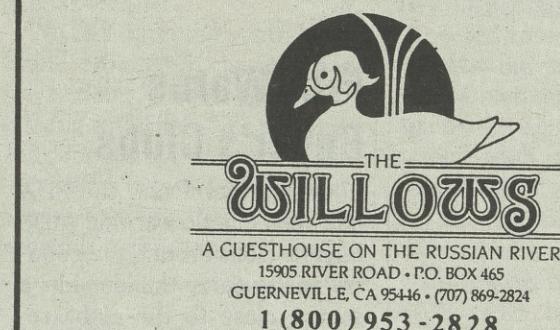
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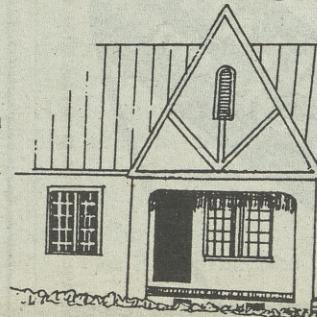
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The AIDS File

by Bruce Mirken

Activists Zap FDA

AIDS activists are furious at the Food and Drug Administration over an apparent move to block access to recombinant human growth hormone (rHGH), an extremely promising treatment for AIDS-related wasting syndrome. Hopes for a quick "Treatment IND" program to make the drug available to patients with wasting who haven't been helped by conventional treatments have floundered as the FDA and the drug's manufacturer, Serono laboratories, have reportedly continued haggling over the data needed to approve such a plan.

But a way seemed to have been found for desperate PWAs to get their hands on growth hormone through Canada, where it is already available for wasting. Serono Canada had set up a toll-free hotline through which doctors could access the drug, and because U.S. law allows importation for personal

use of medicines from abroad that aren't approved here, there seemed to be no problem with U.S. physicians making use of the same mechanism to obtain the drug for patients in urgent need. The respected newsletter AIDS Treatment News published the number, and ACT UP/Golden Gate, which has been leading the activist community's efforts around rHGH, happily faxed out a press release with the good news.

But in early November U.S. callers to the hotline got an unpleasant surprise: a phone company recording saying that the number was disconnected and that "no further information is available."

ACT UP/Golden Gate member Jeff Getty says that sources at Serono have told him that the FDA -- perhaps fearing misuse of rHGH by athletes -- quietly but clearly let them know they should not send the drug into the U.S. The FDA, Getty says, "frightened Serono off pretty well, and Serono shut

"So why the hell block something that's clearly moving toward approval?"

down the phone number" to U.S. callers.

Comment from Serono was not immediately available. An FDA spokesman was somewhat cryptic, at first claiming "we took no action," but then adding, "I have no idea whether we talked to the company or not."

The response from AIDS activists has been swift and angry. On Nov. 7, Project Inform founder Martin Delaney fired off a letter to FDA Commissioner David Kessler telling him

the agency should "revert to its previous practice of keeping its nose out of the business of life-threatened patients who wish to purchase a therapy in another country."

"They permit all kinds of things under the personal importation policy," including drugs with less data behind them than growth hormone, Delaney explained to this reporter. "So why the hell block something that's clearly moving toward approval?"

Meanwhile, Getty -- who himself had shown dramatic improvement as a participant in the growth hormone study presented at the AIDS Conference in Yokohama -- put together a conference call of activists around the country, who decided to "zap" Kessler and FDA AIDS coordinator Randall Wykoff with a blitz of phone calls and faxes on Nov. 15.

Getty and Delaney both fear that a potentially life-saving drug is being caught up in a bad relationship between the company -- which the activists agree shares part of the blame -- and the FDA. This situation, says Delaney, is "not acceptable at all."

patients.

The problem with thalidomide is that when taken by pregnant women it produces horrendous birth defects; it was the "thalidomide babies" of the early sixties that produced a severe tightening of FDA drug-approval rules. The buyers' club folks take this concern very seriously, and had been evaluating ways to make sure, if they chose to handle thalidomide, that any woman considering taking it would get a loud, clear, impossible-to-ignore warning about the dangers. But why, they wonder, should the real danger for pregnant women keep a potentially valuable medicine out of the hands of men, who can't get pregnant, or those women who don't have any intention of getting pregnant?

Gene Therapy

"Gene therapy" has become a hot item in medical research of late, and in theory it could be a boon to AIDS treatment. For example, it may someday be possible to insert a gene into stem cells -- the cells from which all blood cells, including those targeted by HIV, grow -- that would protect them against the virus, thus creating a pool of immune system cells that HIV can't touch.

But Dr. Donald Kohn of the University of Southern California, speaking Nov. 12 at the New Directions in Antiviral Chemotherapy conference in San Francisco, warned physicians not to expect miracles anytime soon. Though experiments done thus far have shown some promise, Kohn said, "our current ability to transfer the [new] gene into the cells is quite modest," and a great many practical obstacles remain.

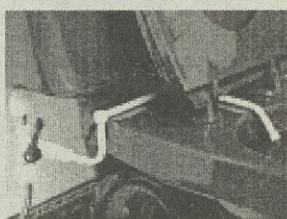
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Youth Are Targeted by New AIDS Education Campaign

Bay Area Young Positives, a peer-support group for young people with HIV, recently released a poster campaign touting the agency's counseling services and social events for HIV-positive Bay Area youth.

The agency's programs include one-to-one peer counseling, a wide variety of support groups, health and social services, educational workshops, and a buddy program to help young people with HIV connect with another BAY Positives member.

The campaign kickoff coincided with the seventh annual World AIDS Day, a global event commemorating and celebrating those affected by HIV and AIDS. The theme of this year's World AIDS Day observance is "AIDS and Families: Protect and



Care for the Ones We Love" -- which, according to Antigone Hodgins, 26, executive director of BAY Positives, speaks directly to the concerns of young people with HIV.

"No HIV-infected youth is an island, although it can feel that way at times," said Hodgins, who is living with HIV. "We are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. With support groups and peer-counseling, BAY Positives provides a new kind of family

for youth with HIV, one that is compassionate, caring, and understanding."

With the headline, "Young People With HIV Supporting or not insured at all, and are employed in low-paying jobs. Some do not have a regular doctor. Others have been kicked out of their homes for their sexual orientation or their HIV status. BAY Positives offers an alternative to the fear and panic some young people experience when they're HIV-positive."

Recent studies show there have been 2,542 cases of AIDS diagnosed in San Francisco among young people aged 20-29, representing one in eight cases. The vast majority of them contracted HIV in their teens or early twenties. New HIV infections in the city are expected to occur at a rate of 4% annually among gay and bisexual men ages 17 to 25, as against an annual rate of 1.5% among adult gay and bisexual men. That is about 200 young gay and bisexual men becoming infected with HIV each year.

Statewide, nearly one in six AIDS cases is among young people in their twenties and youth are among the fastest growing populations of people with AIDS.

Bay Area Young Positives was founded in January of 1990, when two HIV service providers began facilitating a Monday night drop-in support group after concluding city HIV services lacked youth sensitivity. Soon that group was youth-led: the peer facilitation model proved highly effective in supporting the nearly 200 HIV-positive youth that attended over the next few years.

After receiving federal funding through the Ryan White CARE Act in December 1993, BAY Positives moved into Lower Haight quarters early this year, and remains the only purely peer-based program run by and for HIV-positive young people in the Bay Area.

The San Francisco AIDS

Foundation funded the BAY Positives poster campaign with \$35,000 received from KKSF, 103.7 FM. The radio station

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A stop in the **Yuletide** section is sure to get you into that festive spending mood! Mariah Carey's "Merry Christmas" leads the bunch opening with a version of "Silent Night" that only Mariah could do. Silent? •

Ha!! Carey scales her vocal heights as always on her own tunes (the incredibly catchy "All I Want for Christmas is You") as well as standards such as "O Holy Night" • Phil Spector's "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" and a dance-ready "Joy to the World."

Natalie Cole's "Holly & Ivy" livens up the season with some swingin' fun and her own version of Dad's "The Christmas Song". Neil Diamond follows up his 1992 "Christmas Album" with the imaginatively titled "Christmas Album Volume II", and "Joyful Christmas" sees artists such as Oleta Adams, Patti LaBelle and Lou Rawls doing the gospel thing.



Yuletide

This time of year sees nearly as many Hits Collections as maxed out credit cards, and this year is

certainly no exception.

Listening to the "Best of Sade" shows that while the band didn't vary much stylistically, over the course of four albums, they produced a bundle of sultry gems - from 1984's "Hang On To Your Love," through 1993's "No Ordinary Love."

Culled from the same era, Sting's "Fields of Gold: The Best of Sting 1984 - 1994," strips most of his aristocratic pretense away, leaving several classics from his four albums, and two strong new tunes... I don't mean to quibble, but both the import CD and the U.S. video version include other songs ("Demolition Man" and "It's Probably

Me") that could make this indispensable. Bah humbug! Bob Seger's "Greatest Hits" took me by surprise - whether or not you're a fan, put this on and I guarantee that you'll be singing along in no time to some sturdy tunes that we've taken for granted, like "Old Time Rock & Roll," "Hollywood Nights" and "Against the Wind."

Also in the hits gravy line: Bob Dylan's got a new collection - "Greatest Hits Volume 3," which features "Tangled Up in Blue," "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" and "Forever Young."



"Brave Boys: The Best & More" gathers over a decade's worth of material by gay music pioneers Romanovsky & Phillips, updating some, as the street-smart opener "Ho Ho Homophobia".

Anne Murray's "The Best...So Far" collects 19 tunes from Murray's 26 year career, including "Snowbird" and "You Needed Me".

Collecting highlights and rarities from Modern Rock vets Concrete Blonde ("Still in Hollywood") and Red Hot Chili Peppers ("Out in L.A.") will no doubt give fans of either a healthy grin.

What Year Is This?

If your intended loved last year's Frank Sinatra duets disc, "Duets II" will surely quell that desire. Featuring Steve Lawrence/Eydie Gorme and Frank Junior, Frank Sr. sums it up on the Jimmy Buffet duet, "Mack the Knife", when he sings "Louis Armstrong, Bobby Darin, they did this song nice, lady Ella too, they all sang it with so much feeling,

, the **biggest** holiday isn't overwhelmed by the living in here.

that ol' blue eyes ain't gonna
add anything new" and how!

Sinatra isn't alone in looking
back with his new work- both

Gloria Estefan and **Willie Nelson** return to the past on
their respective discs. Estefan's
"Hold Me Thrill Me Kiss Me"
consists of songs that Gloria
says "not only moved me
personally, but eventually
influenced my singing style." On
some of the upbeat tunes (



"Everlasting Love" and "Turn The Beat Around")
Gloria and hubby/producer Emilio modernize the
sound to fit into a contemporary dance setting, but
elsewhere, Estefan's versions are too faithful to the
originals, leaving you wanting something new.
Willie Nelson's "Healing Hands of Time" sees Old
Faithful Willie re-recording some of his most famous
tunes ("Crazy", "Funny How Time Slips Away").



And over in the corner next to the lava lamp are **Gladys Knight** and **Barry White** doing the hustle. Both are back again with albums that both embrace and update their styles, which were cemented in the 70's. Knight's "Just For You" finds Gladys in gorgeous vocal shape on new tunes and culminates in a riveting medley featuring "If You Don't Know Me By Now" and Boyz II Men's "End of the Road". White's "The Icon is Love" opens with the number one hit "Practice What You Preach" and brings his love-den speak/sing style into the 90's.

Gimme A Beat!

Prince's long-bootlegged 1988 "Black Album" makes a two-month visit to record stores and funks throughout, while disturbing the mind with pre-gangsta dark humor on the violent "Bob George". Not as shocking now, but you'll be kicking yourself if you don't snatch it up while it's available!

"This is the Sound of TRIBAL United Kingdom" has **Junior Vasquez** mixing 15 dance tracks live in New York's Sound Factory, which gives you the chance to throw a big-city party without hiring a dj!

Not counting the 16 disc Aerosmith collection, most of this year's gift-giving boxed sets consist of an affordable two or three discs.

"**Tina Turner, The Collected Recordings: Sixties to Nineties**" seems a bit abrupt, with just three discs to cover Turner's entire career. Disc one features the early years with Ike, and Disc Three includes her post-comeback singles for anyone who doesn't already have 1991's "Simply the Best" collection, which leaves Disc Two as the real find here- a hodge podge of movie songs, b-side covers and duets. Opening with "Acid Queen", we are treated to Tina's Led Zep cover "Whole Lotta Love", as well as Robert

Gift Sets

Palmer's "Johnny & Mary" & "Addicted to Love", Prince's "Let's Pretend We're Married", ZZ Top's "Legs", "Don't Turn Around" (A hit for Ace of Base this year) and a breathtaking version of the Motel's "Total Control".

"**Woodstock '94**" will please anyone who went, with a single song each by the likes of Melissa Etheridge, Salt-n-Pepa, and Nine Inch Nails.

"**WAR Anthology: 1970-1994**" has enough classics ("Why Can't We Be Friends?", "Low Rider") to keep you funkin' on into the new year!

"**Return to the Valley of the Go Go's**" is a surprising collection for anyone who best remembers the all-girl band's poppy early 80's hits. With generous live and rehearsal recordings, RTTVOTGG revises history by portraying the ladies more as precursors to today's Riotgrrrls (with the ragged "Screaming" and "Johnny Are You Queer?") than as the cheesy Vegas waterskiers of "Vacation" that we all loved. The 3 new songs show that there's still life in these valley girls.

Happy shopping and above all, happy holidays!

-Bill Peterson

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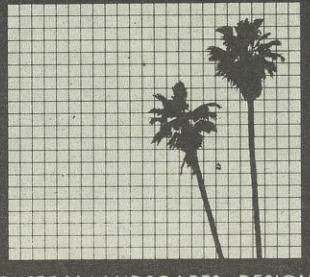
part of this acclimation, today's generation of Japanese Americans identify themselves according to the sequential number of their generation, counting up from the generation of

their family's first immigrants.

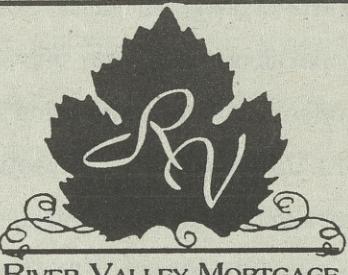
Denise Okamoto explained, "I am a fourth generation Japanese American. I think of myself as a hot dogs and hamburgers kind of girl. But it's not like that for everyone." Khai, one of the co-founders of the group, is a Vietnamese/Chinese immigrant. Brought to the United States by her parents in 1978 as one of the so-called "boat people," she feels stronger ties to her Asian ancestry.

One of the pressures faced by a first generation immigrant is the need to succeed. Faced with daily reminders that their parents gave up their country, their home, and virtually all of their belongings in order to give their children a chance at something better, can lead to feelings of guilt for the children. Overriding any personal desire in the face of disappointing their parents is not uncommon. Amongst these desires can be

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the wish not to identify themselves as lesbian or bisexual. A closet locked from the inside is familiar turf for Asian lesbians.

Khai, along with Lorrie, a Hawaiian born Japanese American, formed the Asian Pacific Sisterhood to create a safe and open environment to explore and empower their ethnicity and sexuality. For many, the singular idea of being a lesbian or bisexual is a whole new territory. "Some people in the group are just learning how to be out to themselves," Denise added. "Others are finding ways to be out to their family or friends."

The group is a social support group for Asian women who are lesbian or bisexual or who are in question of their sexual orientation. Misunderstanding the purpose of the group entirely, and in fact demonstrating just how set some stereotypes are, the group received some phone calls from women who identified themselves as non-Asian but who were looking for Asian women to date. "It was like the lesbian version of mail order brides," Denise said and laughed.

When asked whether there were many couples of mixed ethnicity, Khai's sister responded, "It's probably more common to see a mixed couple, an Asian and another race, especially white." Being gay has typically been perceived as being a very white (Caucasian) thing in some Asian cultures and it is therefore not atypical to see a mixed couple of Asian and Caucasian ethnicity.

It helps the group, now at about 25 women, to see the dynamic range of women attending the meetings -- that there is no set stereotype. For some members the strongest bonds form on bridges of sexuality, for others it is their common Asian heritage, and for others it is simply that they are women.

Regardless of how each identifies most strongly, the shared similarities allow for an immediate acceptance of each other. "We have one woman who drives up from Oakland to come to our meetings," Denise offered as an indication of the unity and strength the group provides. The group meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. either in Davis or in Sacramento. Please call Adrienne at (916) 442-7769 or Judy at (916) 753-6093 for more information.

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DECEMBER 15

The Lambda Players - perform "One Christmas Carol in Ten," a musical adaptation of the classic, with a few twists. 8 p.m. at the YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th Street. \$12 at the door. For more info call (916) 442-7752. Performances through Dec. 18.

Holly Near - Winter Song Concert at the Palms in Davis. 7 and 9 p.m. shows. Tickets \$15.50.

Being Gay Today - Channel 17 - "Momentum" public affairs program from Washington D.C., "Outlook Video" from the Bay Area. Also airs on the Dec. 16 and 17. Thursdays at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 16

Melonnee and The Promises perform at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar - \$3 cover. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

DECEMBER 17

The Lambda Community Center will be transformed into an old fashioned Victorian arts and crafts fair, with food, music and entertainment. Local artists and musicians. Fair will continue through Dec. 18.

Sacramento FrontRunners -- Lesbian & Gay running club, morning run. For more info call (916) 974-8199.

Sacramento Gender Association Christmas Party. Bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$5-\$10. Gift exchange will take place at end of evening. 7:30 p.m. dinner and social. For more info call (916) 482-7742.

DECEMBER 20

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, (corner of Lusk), Sacramento. Will Green, MD, will lead a rap session. For more info call (916) 722-0327.



DECEMBER 21

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance will meet at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. All members are encouraged to partake in this festive event. For more info call (916) 863-9733.

DECEMBER 22

Being Gay Today - Channel 17 - presents "Outrageous II," featuring a vast variety of gay related comical sketches. Also airs on the Dec. 23 and 24. Thursdays at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar Christmas Party featuring live music by Second Wind. 7 p.m. dinner buffet. \$3 portion goes to Lambda Center. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

DECEMBER 23

The latest ISSUE's annual Holiday Party. The community is invited to our office at 709 28th Street to celebrate this season of love and sharing. 7 p.m.

Cafe' Lambda will host a "Holiday Dinner with the Family." Turkey and duck will be served along with all the basic side dishes and live entertainment. Call 442-0185 for more information.

Country Western Dancing lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 53rd and H Streets, Sacramento. \$2 donation requested. Non-smoking, no alcohol. Every 2nd and 4th Friday 7:30 to 10 p.m. For more info call (916) 989-1717.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day. Happy Holidays from the staff of the latest ISSUE.

DECEMBER 28

The Valley Bears board meeting. All are welcome, call (916) 452-4748 for more details.

DECEMBER 29

Being Gay Today - Channel 17 - Local leftovers. Some great clips from shoots that couldn't fit in 94 programs. Airs on Dec. 30 and January 1st. Every Thursday at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Comedienne Shann Carr's Holiday Show with local performers at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar 8 p.m. \$5 cover. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

DECEMBER 31

Celebrating A Decade! Faces' New Year's Eve Bash, 10th Anniversary Party. 2000 K Street. Money balloon drop at midnight.

Erotica - New Year's Eve Ball at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar, 2721 Broadway, Sacramento. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at door and are available at Moment of Touch and Jammin' Jo's. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

The Valley Bears meet at the Wreck Room 11 p.m., "Baby New Year" Contest - They supply the diapers! (916) 452-4748.

New Year's Eve Concert - A Healthy Alternative - Sacramento, Come Chant, Dance and Meditate Your Way into 1995 at Temple of Living Prayer's 9th Annual New Year's Eve Realization Concert. 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Event is alcohol, smoke and fragrance free. For more info call (916) 455-8387.

JANUARY 3

Capitol AIDS Walk '95 - Committee meeting, volunteers welcome! 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th Street, 2nd floor. For more information, call (916) 448-2437 and ask for Georgia Maring.

JANUARY 5

Being Gay Today - Channel 17 - Guests will include Keith Smith, Director of Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Marty Keller, President of the Republican Log Cabin Club, and members of the Greater Sacramento Area Couples Organization. Airs Jan. 6 and 7. Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.

JANUARY 7

Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar - "Venus Envy" at 8 p.m. Begins tonight and continues every Saturday. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

JANUARY 12

Being Gay Today - Channel 17 - "Momentum" and "Outlook Video." Also airs Jan. 13 and 14. Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.

JANUARY 13

Singer/Songwriters: Kelly Conway, Joan Hawkins, Laura Bowly, Elaine Bolton & Amy Simpson at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar \$5 advance \$7 at the door 8 p.m. Dancing after the show with music by DJ Joey. For more info call (916) 457-7888.



SACWN presents, "An Evening with JoAnn Loulan," from 6:30 p.m. at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Tickets are \$12 for SACWN members and \$17 for non-members. This event is for women over 21 years of age only.

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JANUARY 14

The Sacramento Women's Chorus 5th Annual Winter Concert Series. "Raise The Roof," featuring songs that empower women and benefit everyone. 8 p.m. at St. Francis Church at 26th and K Streets. Special guests: Napa Valley Women's Chorus. Also performances on Sunday at 3 p.m. with Special Guests - People's Freedom Choir of Placerville.

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YEAR REVIEW

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claiming its first victim in the person of Lieutenant Andrew Holmes. While Holmes was being robbed of his career, several of the journalists covering his hearing complained about not being chosen to cover Clinton.

The big news in June was the long anticipated Stonewall 25 celebration in New York. Faced with criticism during its planning, Stonewall 25 nevertheless turned out to be a largely successful weekend of meetings, rallies, parties, celebrity appearances, and curb to curb crowds in Greenwich Village. International press carried stories explaining the significance of the Stonewall Riots in 1969, information heretofore ignored by the mainstream culture.

Sharon Bottoms, the lesbian mom who had her son Tyler taken from her by the state of Virginia solely because of her sexuality, appeared with her lover at the Central Park rally. In one of the emotional high points of Stonewall 25 the crowd spontaneously began chanting "Don't give up!" Bottoms won custody back later in the month, but her mother appealed the ruling and the courts so far have kept the child with the grandmother pending a new ruling.

Also taking place in New York City during early June were Gay Games IV. Sacramentans, including skating gold-medalist J.P. Licari and swimmer Theresa Muth and her athlete lover Maggie Redmon, brought an impressive pile of medals. Olympic champion diver Greg Louganis finally came all the way out of his closet. Olympic swimming medalist Bruce Hayes set four more records at the games.

For many, though, the real highlight of Gay Games IV was the appearance of Martina Navratilova, queen of the tennis courts and America's premiere out athlete. Martina's appearances this year carry a bittersweet tone for her legions of fans both gay and straight. She announced that, except for a few lingering contracted appearances in team matches next year, she will be retiring this year from professional tennis. Yet as she winds down her time on the court she is winding up her involvement in gay and lesbian civil rights. Martina will be a force for a long time.

While the rest of the country celebrated June with pride events and parades, Shannon Byrne of Atlanta, Georgia made



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Author and activist Randy Shilts died of AIDS in 1994.

the very serious decision to come out of the closet and oppose the actions of her father, one of the Cobb County commissioners who passed a resolution condemning gays and lesbians. Partially due to her bravery, the U.S. Olympic Committee decided to remove Cobb County as a sight for any of the events in the 1996 Olympics.

Again on the television front, lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoeffer was courted heavily in the spring for an appearance on her own summer comedy special. It aired July 19. (Westenhoeffer also appeared at the big rally in Central Park at the end of the Stonewall 25 march in New York City.) Also making further inroads for lesbians in the arts were the female producers of the movie "Go Fish." The film, a comedy about the lives and loves of three Chicago lesbians, received critical acclaim and positive audience response.

As for gay men, we had Elton John, out, proud, and getting lots of work. Not the least of his accomplishments was the score for the Disney summer release "The Lion King." Apparently after Howard Ashman managed to breath life back into Disney animation films through his writing and producing on "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty And The Beast" and "Aladdin," Disney decided to stick with the winning formula and let a gay man touch the hearts of the children. It worked again. Elton's music made magic with children worldwide.

August began with another bigoted move by North Carolina's homophobic Senator Jesse Helms. The Senator tried to amend the federal education appropriations bill to forbid funds to any district that promoted, encouraged or treated positively homosexuality. Gay and Lesbian activists across the country faulted the Washington-based national gay organi-

zations for failing to alert the community nationwide until it was almost too late. Thanks to allies like Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, Helms's efforts failed eventually.

For many women, the summer ended on a positive note with the 15th Annual West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival. The ubiquitous Suzanne Westenhoeffer joined veterans like Holly Near and Cris Williamson, who never seem to fail in pleasing their audiences. The weekend was a riot of music, comedy, dancing, and women, women.

A sobering event for the international gay and lesbian community happened in September in New York. The United Nations Economic and Social Council kicked out the International Lesbian and Gay Association for its support of NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association) and two other groups that tolerate or encourage pedophilia. ILGA was the first gay and lesbian group to ever be granted observer status in the United Nations.

Closer to home, Governor



Judi Parks

Martina Navratilova hosted Gay Games IV in New York.

Pete Wilson vetoed the Domestic Partnership Bill, the needle exchange bill, the medical marijuana use bill, and a host of other bills on the agenda of the LIFE AIDS Lobby.

On a lighter international note, a gay themed film from down under lit up the U.S. silver screen in September: "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." This funny, wonderful story of two drag queens and a transsexual traveling across the Australian outback to a performance, which they had to rehearse along the way, managed to play with flamboyant stereotypes while giving the characters a humanity and warmth that overshadowed bias -- an approach our gay leaders in Washington would do well to embrace.

The laughter continued in October with Comedy Central's

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Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* was a mega-hit. Censorship kept PBS from filming additional Maupin tales.

all gay comedy special "Out There II," hosted by Amanda Bearse (Marcy Darcy on "Married With Children") and filmed during the week of Stonewall 25 in New York. Bearse charmed the crowds at the Stonewall Rally in New York and spent a great deal of time this year talking to national media about gay and lesbian folk. Her eloquence and disarming humor have made her one of our leading spokespeople of 1994.

On National Coming Out Day, the Colorado Supreme Court finally ruled Amendment 2 unconstitutional.

All was not laughter and celebration in October. In Mississippi, 15 miles from Camp Sister Spirit, two gay men were murdered. The pants of one of them was pulled down. Soon after the murders, shots were fired across the CSS property. Jones County police called it a robbery related murder. Across the country in San Francisco, Victor Rohana was shot and seriously wounded for holding hands with his boyfriend when leaving a cafe on Market Street.

November, election month. The elections permeated every week of every month in 1994, and they finally came to a head in November. And what a blemish it was! The Republican elephant stormed into Washington and into the state houses. Proposition 187 codified anti-immigrant hysteria. Heil! Still there were bright spots.

The anti-gay initiatives went down to defeat in Oregon and Idaho. Activists finally learned to undermine the "special rights" lie of the Christian right. Christian right activists were voted out of the school board in Lake County Florida for their support of the xenophobic "America First" curriculum. San

Francisco experienced its second 'lavender sweep' in as many elections. Carole Midgen, Tom Ammiano, and Susan Leal all won election to the Board of Supervisors. Leslie Katz and Lawrence Wong won election to the Community College Board. Dianne Feinstein bucked the Republican trend and won reelection.

California gained its first openly lesbian State Assemblyperson, Sheila Kuehl, the former childhood television star (Zelda from *Doby Gillis*), lawyer, and university professor. Other states that gained an openly gay legislator are Arizona, Missouri, Washington, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Texas, and Oregon (which gained three).

All of the openly gay national incumbents won back their seats: Gerry Studds and Barney Frank of Massachusetts, and Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. (Okay, semi-sort-of-openly gay. At least he admitted to The Advocate that his boyfriend is gay.)

Of the 55 or so openly gay or lesbian candidates around the country, 28 won, making this the best year ever for gay candidates. Unfortunately, Tony Miller in California and Karen Burstein in New York were not among the winners.

On the down side, Jesse Helms may be the next chair of the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate. Of course, given the number of controversial statements he has made since the election, this just might be a chance to make his bigotry and irrational dogmatism more accessible so that everybody else can learn to hate him too.

Even Newt Gingrich pulled away from the likes of Helms by making some cautiously pro-gay

comments following the election. One of his younger sisters is gay, and he is good friends with Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. Bill Clinton, on the other hand, seemed determined to thwart any attempts by the gay and lesbian community to give him another chance.

On a non-political note, November saw the release of yet another study that indicates biological differences between gay and straight men. This time it's a conduit between parts of the brain dealing with speech and perceiving objects. Ours is bigger. (It's a "Yo, dude, got another TV tray?" versus "Oh you go girl, mm-hm, yes Miss Thang that oak and brass coffee table will be just the thing to make it all so faabulous!" kind of thing.) The study was done at McMaster University in Ontario.

In December the courts and the Pentagon continued to defy rational thought in their dealings on the issue of gays in the military. A Navy tribunal ordered Zoe Dunning back to work. Washington won't appeal the reinstatement of Keith Meinhold who was also ordered back to work, this time by civilian courts. Joseph Steffan, on the other hand (or face) was told he would not be reinstated, and Mark A. Phillips was ousted by another board of inquiry in Washington.

Clinton dismissed Surgeon



Openly gay man, Tony Miller, became acting Secretary of State but lost the Nov. election.

General, Joycelyn Elders.

The Israeli Supreme Court issued a ruling supporting gay couple's rights.

Willie Brown is hanging in there.

Another gay man, Ronnie Neal, was murdered in Sacramento the weekend of December 4. I want someone to promise that next year's review won't be framed on both ends with murder. Maybe if we all take a deep breath, get back up and... Merry Christmas, you fabulous, brave people. And happy New Year.

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Movies

Sex and Politics Steam Up The Big Screen

by Chris Narloch

Is it possible for a woman to rape a man? That's only one of the intriguing questions posed by Barry Levinson's sizzling new drama, "Disclosure," starring Demi Moore and Michael Douglas.

A tale of sex, greed and big business, "Disclosure" has Douglas playing an upwardly mobile techie who suddenly becomes downwardly mobile when

his computer firm merges with another company. Not only does Douglas lose out on a big promotion, he loses it to an old flame (Moore) who has one thing on her mind -- revenge.

Douglas begins getting messages on his "E-mail" like, "Is your cock hard?" so he knows he's in for trouble. And when boss-lady Moore summons him to her office for a private, after-hours meeting, the sexual

interlude that results finds both participants claiming sexual harassment. You'll have to go see the movie to find out exactly what occurs between the pair, but it's pretty steamy and definitely the stuff that lawsuits are made of.

Douglas has never been a favorite of mine, but he's just right as the emasculated victim of a she-devil (he should be since he's played virtually the same role twice before in "Fatal Attraction" and in "Basic Instinct"). When Moore unzips his pants, the sweat on his face is very convincing. Mrs. Bruce Willis has the juicier part, as a ball-breaking bitch in a business suit, and she nails it to the wall. Hell hath no fury like Demi Moore in stiletto heels with her blouse ripped open.



Demi Moore and Michael Douglas star in "Disclosure."

Also featured is Donald Sutherland, who's excellent as Moore's partner in crime and the head of the firm. There's a hysterical scene involving a homoerotic dream Douglas has for Sutherland that alone is worth the price of admission. And the ending, which could have been totally predictable, is a very effective surprise.

Still, the film doesn't take its sensational subject matter quite as far as it might have. I was dying to know what Douglas had done ten years ago that so enraged Moore -- unfortunately, we never find out, and it could have made her character less one-dimensional and allowed us to have a shred of sympathy for her. And the high-tech jargon is pretty dull, aside from a terrific virtual reality sequence towards the end that saves the sluggish third quarter of the picture.

What "Disclosure" does well is show how sex has no place in the work environment, and how a "simple" pat on the behind with a file folder can be seen as an act of aggression. At its gritty best, with Moore on her knees going down on Douglas,

the movie shows us reality -- it's a sexual jungle out there, and you need to have all your wits about you.

Cruel

I can't let any more time pass without congratulating the folks who put on The Third Annual Sacramento Gay And Lesbian Film Festival last September at the Crest Theater. It was three



"Cruel," a film by Desi del Valle. days of heaven for fans of queer cinema, and one of the highlights for me was meeting Desi del Valle, a Bay Area filmmaker who spoke to the crowd before her excellent lesbian short, "Cruel."

A twenty minute knock-out, *continued on page 31*

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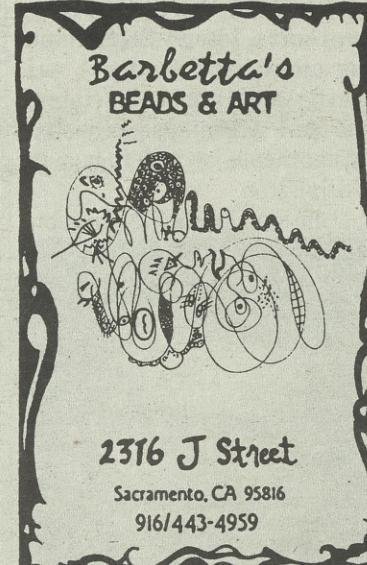
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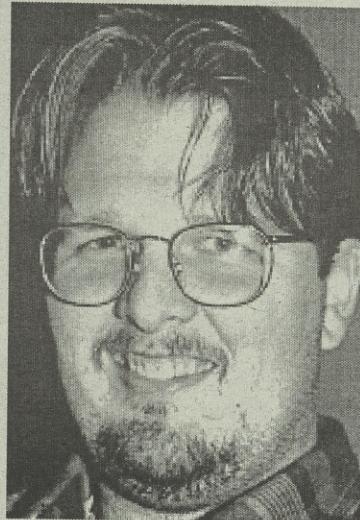
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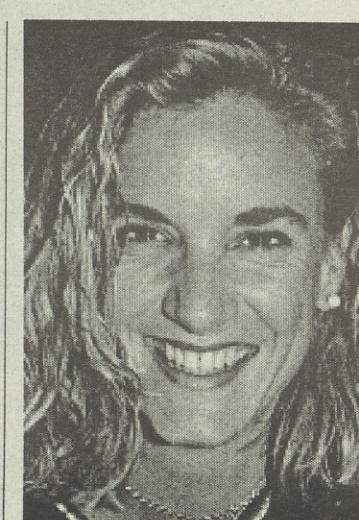
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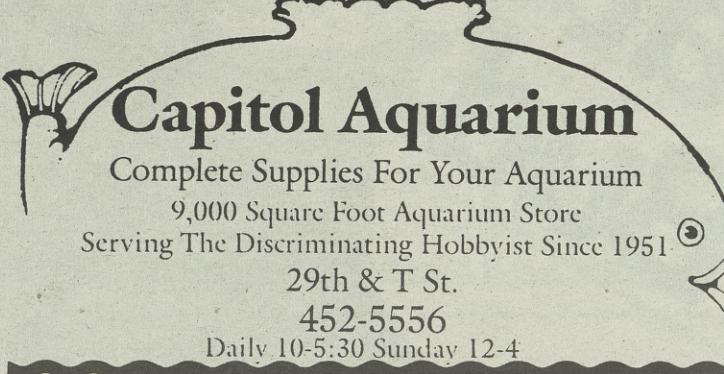
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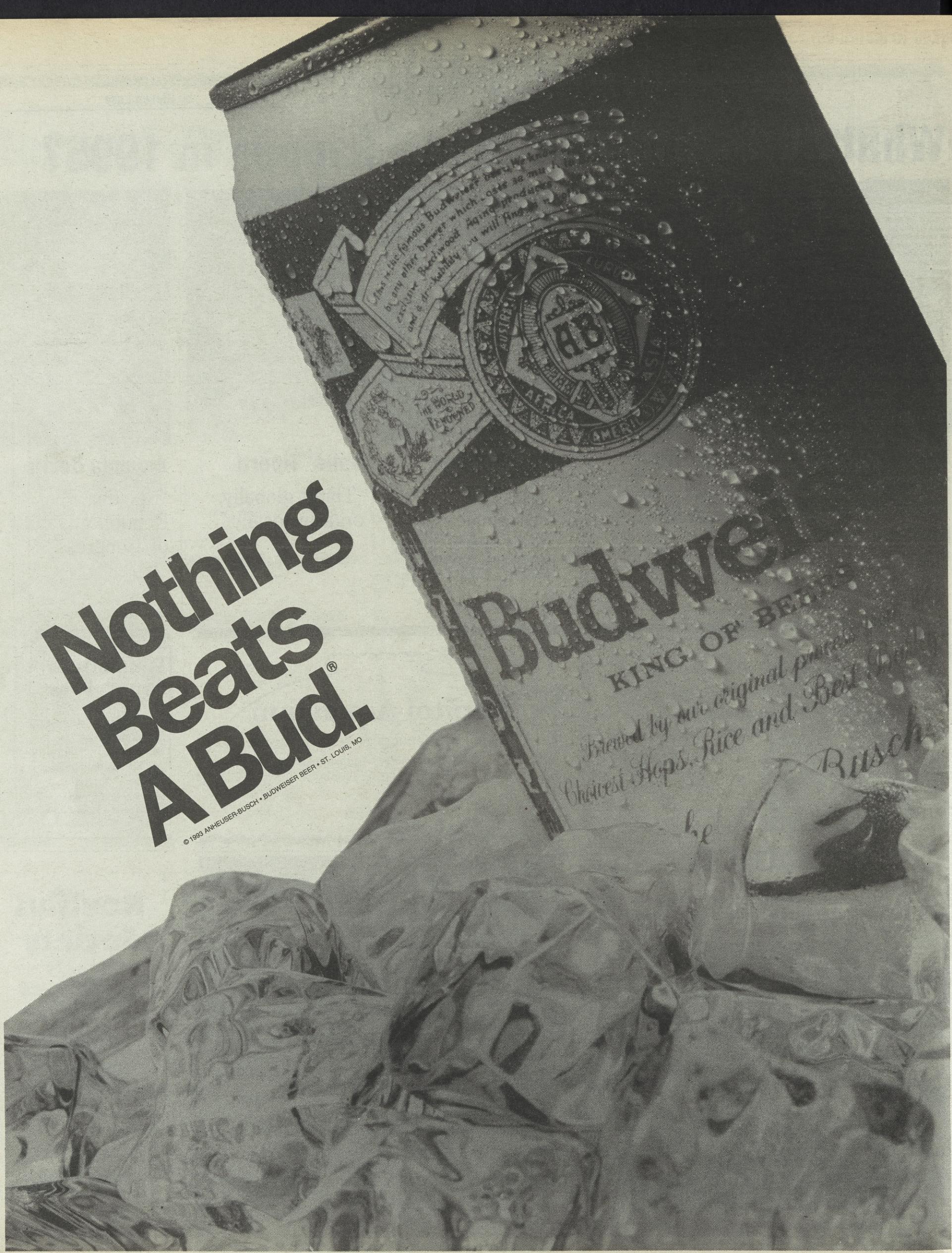
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Rumor Has It

by Stephanie Carlisle

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* Just one more note on the political wars: I certainly hope that my friend Marghe Covino is wrong. She warned me to brush up on my boxcar-decorating skills in preparation for the policy of the Radical Right that ships us all off to concentration camps...

* Happy birthday to *latest ISSUE* editor, Michael Gorman, Dec. 18 and to the recently born -- Dakota Rose. Dakota Rose was born to Stacey and Roxana on Oct. 13.

* Congratulations to Jay Alcorn for finally landing steady employment. Now, Jimmy, get over that bad back and don't forget my shorts! For those that know him, Jay will be working the aisles at the newly opened ACE Hardware on I Street in Midtown.

* Congratulations are also in order for Mark Hoffman and Clayton Whitehead of Sports Leisure Travel. The couple received recognition from their professional peers at the National Tour Association Con-



Mark Hoffman with CEO of Southwest Airlines Herb Kelleher and Clayton Whitehead.

vention, Mark was elected to the board of directors and Clayton became a Certified Tour Professional.

* NEWSFLASH... The AIDS Walk held annually in June in Sacramento has been moved to October 8, 1995 and is under leadership. One of the co-ordinators is my co-worker (and Mr. Wreck Room) Steve Martinez. Steve just celebrated his 39th (or 40th?) birthday on Dec. 2 and is busy as a bee. You go, manchild!

* Also, thanks to Steve, I have learned that the Sacramento Kings will host an AIDS Awareness Day at their Feb. 18 game against the L.A. Clippers. A percentage of the gate will go to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF), and the Kings will have special jerseys sporting red ribbons. Also, rumor has it that the special guest that evening will be Magic Johnson. For details, ticket info., etc., call SAF at (916) 448-
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* A fundraiser for the LIFE AIDS Lobby hosted by John Kiely and Jay Feagles was a grand success. Rumor has it that nearly \$9,000 was raised that evening. The draw of the event was the opportunity to thank Tony Miller for his gallant campaign for Secretary of State and the chance to congratulate Sheila Kuehl on her victory in the election where she won an Assembly seat. Kuehl is going to kick some right wing butt.

* The Russian River Resort has a big holiday fundraiser planned for Christmas Day. The annual Guest Bartender Marathon last year raised \$2133 for local charities and this year the Triple R staff hopes to exceed that number.

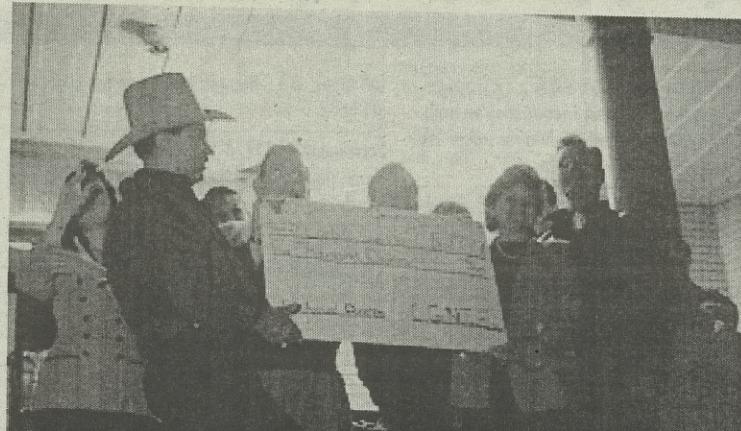
* Salutations to John Thacker, Mark Fergusun and Michael Walker for successfully completing the pledge process and being initiated into Sacramento State's IOTA Chapter of Delta Lambda Phi. They bring welcome new blood...

* The AIDS Housing Alliance is holding their second Holiday Drawing. For \$10 you can buy enough tickets to stretch from fingertip to fingertip with your arms extended... Empress Racine had nearly seven feet of tickets. Talk about the long arm of the law...

* The Court will host three events in the fortnight before Christmas. On the 15th, there will be a show at the Mercantile Saloon, on the 17th, there will be a show benefitting the River City Democratic Club (those Demos need help) at the Western. The shows are at 8 and 7 p.m. respectively. On Sunday morning, the 18th, the Town House will host a Bingo Brunch, beginning at 11:30 a.m., with lots of fun and prizes.

* The departure of Rob (Santa) Thorbin to destinations south, left a void of enormous proportions. Filling the Santa suit this year for the Lambda Center's Holiday gathering was the one and only Charlie Preston. Great job! Also at the party, the Court turned over a check for \$2,500 to Lambda with another \$2,500 to follow in April. Wow!

* Big New Year's Eve parties are planned at all the local bars. Jammin' Jo's has an Erotica Ball planned that will set the place afire... and Faces is cel-



Terry Sidie, Emperors J.P. and Jim turn over a check from CGNIE to the Joanna Cassese of the Lambda Center for \$5,000.

brating their 10th Year with a blow-out party. The Buffalo Club is bringing in the band, Deja Blu to rock and roll into 1995.

* The Sacramento Men's Chorus' holiday concert, "Steppin' On Out!" was a great night. The Dance-It-Yourself Nutcracker was the highlight

of the evening and narrator Lenore Gordon pulled the audience out of their seats for the grand finale. Chorus members Paul Simpson, Michael Tentis and of course, Russell Marsh (the Sugar Plum Fairy) stole the show.

*Merry Christmas to all, now I've got to go jingle some bells...

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Horoscope

December closes 1994 on a proud note. In retrospect, while it hasn't been all peaches and cream, it's been a time of palpable, steady progress and strengthened pride. Now, bank on lucky Jupiter to enlarges and energetic Mars to spark new areas of our lives. Are you ready for a change? Read ahead...

ARIES

Gear up for a new emphasis on work and career. Energetic Mars will stir up the day-to-day job, while other planets force you to plan long term goals. Advance your career with a nifty combination of pure gumption and a little bit of nerve.

TAURUS

Mars is turning up the juice on fun and frolic while other planets encourage you to take a vacation to parts unknown. Jupiter almost assures you that you won't have to take this trip alone; There is good luck in any sexual relationship.

GEMINI

Mars encourages you to give yourself a new, fresh base of operations for 1995. Call it 'sprucing up the nest'; lucky and expansive Jupiter is beginning to influence partnerships. Relationships could take on a whole new spin and verve.

CANCER

Are you a bit more boisterous than usual in December? You must give your opinion and you must give it NOW! Jovial and lucky Jupiter is there to protect you from most of the awful fallout, and who knows, it may just do the trick!

LEO

Whoever said it is better to receive than to give must have been a Leo. You are even more acquisitive than usual, just in time for the holidays. Share your fortunes with those who appreciate a good time (as long as you remain the boss!)

VIRGO

A new broom sweeps clean in December. Mars sets you off on new beginnings; new projects, a new "look" in appearance, new people to meet and greet, and I could go on and on...Change can be nerve racking, but I know you are ready!

LIBRA

You are ready to fight the dragons of inequality, discrimination and deceptiveness with Mars as your trusty weapon. Libras can be swayed to action by sheer nerve, but fight you fight with words and you will fare much better.

SCORPIO

Money comes in unexpectedly. It's a delightful aroma as friends come out of the woodwork to share in your gains. Scorpios can distinguish schmoozers from true pals; You know who loves you and who is just along for the ride.

SAGITTARIUS

Feisty Mars is creating a firestorm professionally and Jupiter allows lucky beginnings. The most important thing is to be your jolly self. Reap the rewards; You have played second fiddle far too long and can now claim first place.

CAPRICORN

Your intuition proves to be right on target so go with your gut. Jupiter also indicates that if you can find it in your heart to be extra generous in December, it will have lucky repercussions for you. In other words, give once, receive tenfold.

AQUARIUS

Mars heats up your sex drive and you may bite off more than you can chew. Jupiter makes friendships extra special, but don't confuse friends with lovers. Friends are there in both good and bad times. Reward them for it platonically.

PISCES

Solidify partnerships. Fiery Mars pushes you to demand what is rightfully yours in a relationship, come what may. (And come what may may not be so bad. Sometimes, dear Pisces, you need to be hard to be soft!)

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MOVIES

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